

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:** Please amend the specification as follows:

Please accept the following descriptions of figures 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in re-written clean form. The descriptions of Figures 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are found on page 4, lines 15-16 of the specification.

A1 --Figure 6 is a cross-sectional top view taken of a catalytic converter employing two retainer ring segments as illustrated in Figure 5;--

--Figure 9 is a partial side view of the catalytic converter shown in Figures 7 and 8;--

A2 --Figure 10 is an enlarged partial cross-sectional view of area 10 of Figure 8;--

--Figure 11 is a side view of a catalytic converter employing end cone assemblies and two retainer rings; and--

--Figure 12 is an enlarged partial cross-sectional view of area 12 of Figure 11.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct certain typographical errors. More particularly, on page 4, line 6, the word "the" was replaced with "a", and at line 7 the phrase "of Figure 3" was deleted. On page 4, lines 13-14, the word "another" and phrase "having partial cross-sectional views" were deleted, and the words "a partial" were inserted before "side" at line 3. On page 4, lines 15-16, the phrase "area 10-10" was replaced with "area 10", and the words Figure "7" were replaced with Figure "8". On page 4, line 17, the word "an" was deleted, and at line 18 the phrase "assembly, an end plate," was replaced with "assemblies". On page 4, lines 19-20, the phrase "area 12-12" was replaced with "area 12".